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SUBJECT: CCG MEETING SCHEDULED JULY 19/20 IN PARIS

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1. BUDGET OFFICERS FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, UK AND USA MET INFORMALLY JULY 13 TO REVIEW ITEMS ON JULY 19/20 AGENDA OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET EXPERTS (CCG). THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED JULY 6 PROPOSAL FOR GRANTING THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF A 100 PERCENT VS 80 PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ON GROUNDS THAT EEC DECISION OF JUNE 29, "IS INDISPUTABLY A NEW DEVELOPMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO ELIMINATE UNJUSTIFIABLE DISCRIMINATION WHICH HAS BEEN FELT KEENLY BY THE STAFF OF THE COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS," AND SECSEGEN "CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE CCG SHOULD RECONSIDER ITS ORIGINAL POSITION AND SHOULD, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY," RECOMMEND TO COUNCILS THE FULL INCREASE OF THE COL FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1976.

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2. WHILE FRENCH REP WAS UNSURE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ALL OTHER, INCLUDING US, INDICATED THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD OPPOSE SECSEGENS. BELGIAN AND DUTCH REPS SUGGESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-EEC MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD GIVE THEIR POSITIONS AT CCG MEETINGS FIRST, AND POINT OUT THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE DRAGGED ALONG BY AN EC DECISION.

3. BUDGET OFFICERS EXPRESSED THEIR PERSONAL VIEW THAT SECSGEN WERE UNWILLING TO SAY "NO" TO THEIR STAFFS ON THIS ISSUE AND WERE USING CCG AS A SCAPEGOAT.

4. COMMENT: PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, USREP WILL DRAW ON REFTELS B AND C (PARA 6) FOR COL DISCUSSION. END COMMENT.

5. JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT - THE SCHULER REPORT HAD BEEN STUDIED BY SECSGEN DURING JULY 4 LONDON MEETING AND WILL BE GIVEN JULY 19 TO CCG. MR. SCHULER REPORTED THAT LUNS, AS WELL AS OTHER SECSGEN, ARE NOW WILLING TO ACCEPT A CENTRALIZED UNIT. WORKING PARTY 15 SHOULD SHORTLY BEGIN CONSTRUCTIVE MEETINGS. (REFTEL A. PARA 12).

6. 130TH REPORT - LETTER ASKING DATE REPORT WOULD BE PLACED ON OECD AND NATO COUNCIL AGENDAS HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED EITHER BY LUNS OR SYG VAN LENNEP (REFTEL A. PARA 13).

7. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENTS'S CONCURRENCE IN ACTION PROPOSED IN PARA 4 AND ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE CONCERNING COL QUESTION REQUESTED PRIOR COB JULY 18.
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